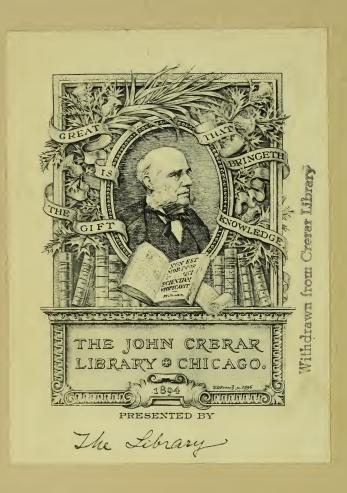
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Secretary:

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BOROUGH OF DONCASTER.

FREE LIBRARY.

Report of the Committee.

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DONCASTER.

GENTLEMEN,

The Library Committee beg to present their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

Taking the appended statistics as a criterion, it will be seen that progress has been made.

Lending Department.

The first table, which is an analysis of the issues recorded in the Lending Department, shows an aggregate of 81,788, and the daily average 270. Compared to the previous year's figures 74,732 and 255, an increase of 7,056. This is partly attributable to the fact of the Library being open 303 days against 293. The daily average varied from 327 in February to 222 in August; the difference is evidence of the influence of the seasons on the amount of reading done. The highest number issued in one day was 635, whilst 600 was exceeded several times.

Of the total, Fiction and Juvenile Literature (which are classified together) comprised 61,895, approximately 75 per cent.; last year the per centage was 76. Although only a reduction of one per cent. it is proof there is a tendency for a more serious class of literature.

Reference Department. The number of volumes consulted in the Reference Department was 1,594 against 1,461 the year before. Considering the works that are included in this section, amongst which are several of local interest, the number of users is only meagre, but as the return shows a slight increase, possibly it may be more appreciated in the future.

Stock.

During the year 257 Volumes have been added to the stock, and brings the total of both Departments to 19,948. The proportion of Fiction purchased is less than usual, and care has been exercised in the selection. The constant wear and tear of the more popular class has necessitated 250 being replaced, whilst 368 have been rebound, and innumerable minor repairs done by the staff.

Reading Rooms. The Reading, Magazine, and Ladies' Rooms are frequently full, in fact sometimes crowded; probably 1,000 per day would be a low estimate of the number of readers. A shelf has been placed in the Magazine Room, whereby each Magazine has a recognised place. Various readers have expressed their appreciation of the innovation.

The Reading Room at Hyde Park is also very well attended.

Borrowers.

There is a decrease in the number of borrowers enrolled, viz., 2,018 against 2,100; but 342 Students' Tickets have been applied for, compared with 320. Tables V., VI., and VII., which give the ages, occupations, and wards of the Borough in which borrowers reside, show that scholars, students, and teachers are the most appreciative of the Library. In regard to the wards, the East has the largest and the West the least number. Possibly this is accounted for by the East being more adjacent than the West, or perhaps the residents are a more leisured class.

Donations.

Several Books have been presented to the Library, and the thanks of the Committee tendered to the donors.

Obituary.

The tragically sudden death of the late Mayor (Councillor Ellis) removed an estimable and valued member of the Committee. His decease is much regretted by his colleagues and the staff.

CHAS. THEOBALD, Chairman.

ROBERT SLEIGHT, Librarian.

TABLE I.

Showing Number of Issues recorded in Lending Department, Daily Average, and Percentage of each Class.

| 1 | | 1 | | | | _ | | | | | | | | | | | | <u> </u> | | ı |
|--------|--|--|---------|----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Daily | Average Issue. | * | 292 | 327 | 313 | 908 | 569 | 239 | 231 | 222 | 248 | 500 | 270 | 257 | 270 | 255 | 15 | | | |
| No. of | Days Open. | - | 27 | 25 | 96 | 24 | 96 | 25 | 27 | 25 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 25 | 303 | 293 | 10 | | | |
| | Totals. | | 7903 | 8176 | 8143 | 7210 | 9002 | 5978 | 6232 | 5554 | 5216 | 7189 | 6753 | 6428 | 81788 | 74732 | 7056 | | .001 | |
| I | Poetical Works, | | 61 | 85 | 85 | 65 | 55 | 44 | 51 | 33 | 38 | 52 | 58 | £9 | 889 | 524 | 164 | | 8.00 | |
| ග | Essays, Collected Works, &c. | | 157 | 205 | 206 | 144 | 155 | 133 | 143 | 116 | 108 | 194 | 199 | 187 | 1947 | 1494 | 453 | | 4.61 | |
| ட | Magazines and Reviews. | | 535 | 470 | 559 | 423 | 405 | 423 | 429 | 315 | 355 | 395 | 405 | 414 | 5128 | 4899 | 229 | | 6.3 | |
| ш | Fiction and Juvenile Literature. | | 5924 | 6191 | 6083 | 5494 | 5290 | 4513 | 4729 | 4305 | 3989 | 5487 | 5063 | 4827 | 61895 | 56896 | 4999 | | 7.5.7 | |
| ۵ | Science and Art. | | 200 | 550 | 542 | 488 | 490 | 356 | 344 | 274 | 302 | 437 | 411 | 373 | 5067 | 4725 | 342 | | 6.5 | |
| 0 | Politics and Economics. | | 42 | 48 | 41 | 31 | 50 | 40 | 42 | 42 | 32 | 54 | 53 | 37 | 512 | 419 | 93 | | 9.00 | ~ |
| B | Biography History and Travel. | | 613 | 569 | 581 | 529 | 491 | 424 | 451 | 410 | 348 | 517 | 504 | 485 | 5919 | 5272 | 647 | | 2.2 | |
| A | Theology and Moral Philosophy. | | 71 | 61 | 46 | 39 | 73 | 45 | 43 | 53 | 44 | 53 | 09 | 44 | 632 | 503 | 129 | | 8.00 | |
| | | | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | 1 | | : | | ach | |
| | | The state of the s | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December | Total, 1908 | Total, 1907 | Increase | Decrease | Approximate Percentage of each Class | |

* FRACTIONS IGNORED.

Number of Volumes in the Library, showing Additions to each Class during 1908.

| | Classification. | Total, 1907. | Added. | With- drawn. | Total. 1908. |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--------------------|---|
| A B C D E F G H | Theology, Philosophy, &c History, Biography and Travels Economics, Politics, &c Science and Art Fiction and Juvenile Literature Magazines and Reviews Essays, Collected Works, &c Poetry and Drama Reference Department | 598 6080 405 1527 4882 1088 1365 633 3210 | 5 43 12 18 103 25 34 1 16 | 1 7 85 12 | 603 6122 417 1538 4900 1101 1399 634 3226 |

TABLE III.

Showing the Issue for each Year since the Opening of the Library.

| Year. | Works. | Volumes. | Year. | Works. | Volumes. |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 | 16,989 15,200 11,141 11,300 11,187 11,681 12,201 15,006 15,252 22,405 26,640 34,518 37,928 43,220 47,329 50,269 53,944 57,871 57,894 55,902 | to N 40,882 50,364 52,515 56,535 56,952 60,233 63,324 65,857 64,758 64,856 | 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 | 54,361 55,837 61,379 60,499 67,607 69,180 67,699 68,564 66,510 60,403 57,699 68,450 64,912 62,568 61,709 64,821 69,523 71,452 78,767 | 63,709 62,692 67,458 65,660 73,012 73,732 71,270 71,390 68,801 61,978 58,961 70,290 66,689 64,495 64,821 68,181 73,032 74,732 81,788 |

TABLE IV.

BORROWERS' OCCUPATIONS.

| Accountants | 10 | Brought forward 914 |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Agents | | Ladies of no Occupation 182 |
| Apprentices | 63 | Merchants 16 |
| Artizans | 40 | Painters, &c 25 |
| Builders and Bricklay | ers 16 | Printers 5 |
| Carpenters, &c | 40 | Professional Men 50 |
| Clergymen | 6 | Publicans: 8 |
| Clerks | 144 | Railway Servants 41 |
| Dressmakers, &c | 31 | Scholars and Students 354 |
| Domestics and House | wives 377 | Shopkeepers and Managers 88 |
| Engineers, &c | 40 | Shop Assistants 88 |
| Errand Boys | 22 | Tailors 13 |
| Farmers | 11 | Teachers, &c 126 |
| Fitters and Turners | 26 | Travellers 6 |
| Gardeners | 4 | Miscellaneous 69 |
| Gentlemen | 20 | No Occupation stated 33 |
| Labourers | 50 | |
| Carried forward | R 914 | Total <u>2,018</u> |

Students Tickets have been issued to 342 Borrowers.

TABLE V.

AGES OF BORROWERS.

| Under 20 years of age | | | | | 610 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Between 20 and 30 years | s of | age | | | 507 |
| Between 30 and 40 ,, | | | • • • | | 310 |
| Between 40 and 50 ., | | | • • • | | |
| | | • • • | ••• | | |
| No age stated | • • • | • • • | • • • | • • • | 11 |
| | To | tal | ••• | 2 | ,018 |

TABLE VI.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS RESIDENT IN EACH WARD.

| C1 . 1 | | | | | | | | 1201 |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|
| Central | | | | | | | | 364 |
| East | | | • • • | | | | | 498 |
| North | | | | | | | | 219 |
| St. Geo | orge's | | | | | | | 227 |
| South | | | | | • • • | | | 365 |
| | ••• | | | • • • | | | | 179 |
| Non-re | sident | Subsc | ribers | | | ••• | • • • | 166 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Tot | al | | 2 | ,018 |

TABLE VII.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE DURING 1908, COMPARED TO 1907.

| 1907. | 3 6 | _1. | 320 342 | | | | (C) | | 7d. £37_1 | 16s. 3d. £4 6s. | 5s. 2d. £9 3s. | £21 2s. | 12s. 6d. £15 1s. |
|-------|--|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | No. of Issues Recorded in Lending Department | No. of Books Consulted in Reference Department | No. of Students' Tickets applied for | No. of Days Open | Daily Average Issue | No. of Books retained and Post Cards sent | placed by Borrowers | Books Unaccounted for | Receipts from Fines | Receipts from Catalogues Sold | Receipts from Borrowers' Cards | Receipts from Non-residents' Subscriptions | Sale of Periodicals, &c : |

TABLE VIII.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS.

DONOR. DONATION. ANDREWS, MESSRS. Durham University Calendar, 1907-8 ANELAY, T. Esq... Lexicon Technicum of Arts and Sciences Official Year Book, 1901-7 AUSTRALIA BRITISH MUSEUM .. Guide to Specimens of the Horse Family; Guide to Domesticated Animals; Guide to Fossil Invertebrate Animals; Guide to Great Game Animals; List of British Seeds, Plants, and Ferns; Memorials of Linneus; Catalogue of Drawings by British Artists, Vol. iv.; Catalogue of Thomason Tracts, 2 Vols.; Catalogue of the Additions to the M.S.S., 1900-5; Guide to the Mediæval Room; Guide to the Exhibited Series of Insects; Guide to the Elephants; Guide to the Gallery of Fishes. Co-OPERATIVE UNION Report of the 40th Annual Congress (Newport) Coun. of the Order of the Cross Concerning Human Carnivorisms GRIFFITHS, H., Esq. Plenum System of Ventilation HAMPTON, MESSRS. Scholastic Directory, 1908 INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTS Official Chemical Appointments . . LIBRARIES, REPORTS OF .. Barnsley, Battersea, Birmingham, Bradford, Brighton, Buxton, Cleveland (U.S.A.), Eccles, Hammersmith, Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley, Loughborough, Leeds, Middlesborough, New York, Plymouth, Richmond (Surrey), Salford. Stirlings and Glasgow, Toronto (Canada), Tottenham, Wandsworth, Walthamstow, West Hartlepool, Westminster NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHERS ... Report, 1908 Parkes, Rev. A. J. Seven Sonnets . . PATON, MESSRS. J. & J. List of Schools . . Publishers Handy Newspaper List, 1908 Do. Insurance Register, 1908 Schooling. J. H., Esq... British Trade Year Book, 1880-1907 SIMPKIN, MARSHALL, MESSRS. .. Papers on Health

WHITTINGHAM, R. J., Esq.

UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL PRESS ...

tember, 1908 London University Guide, 1909

Matriculation Directory, January, June, Sep-

Philip's Patent Orrery

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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED.

NEWSROOM AND MAGAZINE ROOM.

DAILY.

Times Daily Chronicle

Graphic News ,, Telegraph

, Telegraph Standard Leeds Mercury , Evening News Yorkshire Post , Evening Post Manchester Guardian Eastern Morning News Sheffield Telegraph

Independent Evening Star Liverpool Daily Post Westminster Gazette

WEEKLY.

*Accountant Athenæum Amateur Photographer Black and White *Bournemouth Visitor Boy's Own Paper British Weekly Building News *Catholic Times Clarion Doncaster Chronicle Gazette

WEEKLY-Continued.

Doncaster Weekly News Electrician Engineer Engineering English Mechanic *Estate Gazette Era Exchange & Mart (tri-Weekly) Field Gardeners' Chronicle Graphic Illustrated London News *Journal of the Society of Arts Labour News *Local Government Chronicle *Metropolitan *Mexbro' Times *Motor Traction Nation Nature *Phonetic Journal Punch

*Poultry Railway Review *Official Journal (Patents) Saturday Review Spectator

Sphere Stamford Mercury Truth

*University Correspondent *Worcester Herald

MONTHLY.

Art Journal

Animal World

Bookseller British Workman Century Magazine Chamber's Journal Contemporary Review Cornhill Magazine *Educational Times *Deliverer English Illustrated Magazine Fortnightly Review *Foresters Miscellany Harper's Magazine *Musical Herald Musical Times Nineteenth Century Pall Mall Magazine Railway Guides—Bradshaw Great Northern, ABC, &c. Railway Magazine Scribner's Magazine Studio Strand Magazine Westminster Review. Wide World Magazine Windsor Magazine

Yorkshire Notes and Queries *Zoophilist QUARTERLY Hibbert Journal Reliquary

LADIES' ROOM.

DAILY.

Daily Graphic Leeds Mercury Morning Post Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Black and White Doncaster Chronicle Gazette Gentlewoman Good Words Graphic Illustrated London News Lady's Pictorial Ladies' Field Punch Queen Week and Weekly News

MONTHLY.

Cassell's Magazine Girl's Own Paper Ladies' Realm Leisure Hour London Magazine Myra's Journal Quiver *Temperance Advocate

OUARTERLY.

*Englishwoman's Review.

*Presented.

HYDE PARK.

DAILY.

Sheffield Independent Leeds Mercury Yorkshire Post London Telegraph Morning Leader Daily News Daily Graphic Westminster Gazette

WEEKLY.

Doncaster Chronicle Gazette Black and White Yorkshire Weekly Post Municipal Journal Sphere Nation British Weekly

MONTHLY.

Animal World British Workman Century Magazine Chamber's Journal Contemporary Review Literary Guide Royal Magazine Westminster Review Windsor Magazine Wide World Magazine Railway Magazine English Illustrated Magazine Scribner's Magazine

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1908.

| Salaries and Wages 63 13 4 EXPENDITURE. £ s. d. £ s. d. Electric Light 63 13 4 Repairs and Lamps 10 9 5 | azines | Subscriptions and Fixures 10 13 9 | PARK READING ROOMS: | £1,291 16 6 | Andited and found correct. | F. J. CLARKE, F.S.A.A., Auditor. 25th January, 1909. |
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| Balance as per last Account | 177 | Subscriptions from Non-resident Borrowers 21 2 6 School of Art Committee (due to 31st Dec., 1908): 21 2 6 Caretaker's Services 60 0 Heating 60 0 Insurance 60 0 | Receipts from Lavatory 1 | 41,291 16 6 | s. c 14 10 | Outstanding Accounts (since paid) 149 11 5 Balance as per Statement £620 12 7 |

STOCKIL BEQUEST FUND.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1908.

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| EXPENDITURE. | : | : | *; | | | |
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| INCOME. | To Balance as per last Account 35 2 0 | | 8 5 0 | | : | 252 3 9 |

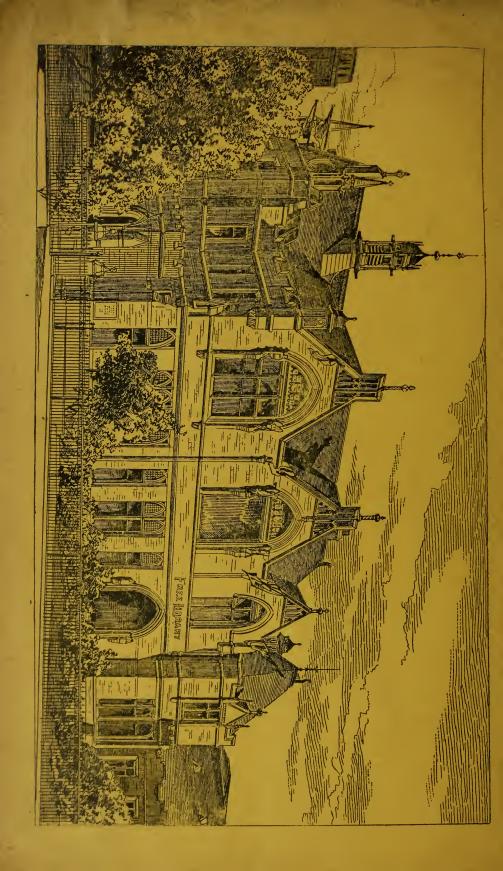
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F. J. CLARKE, F.S.A.A., Auditor.









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BOROUGH OF DONCASTER.

FREE LIBRARY.

Report of the Committee.

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DONCASTER.

GENTLEMEN,

The Library Committee beg to present their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1909: the fortieth since the institution of the Library: the Free Libraries Act having been adopted in 1869; amongst smaller provincial towns, Doncaster being one of the pioneers of the Library movement.

Lending Department.

The aggregate issue of books recorded in this department (74,539), is a decrease of 7,249 from the previous year's total (81,788), which was considerably in excess of any former year. The reduction is accounted for, by the fact of the Library only being open 278 days compared to 303 (closed for Painting, etc., September 6th to October 11th), and seeing that the daily average has only fallen from 270 to 268, it can be assumed, that the high figures of the previous year have been well maintained. There has been a considerable decrease in the per centage of Fiction borrowed, viz: 75% to 71%: this, may be taken as evidence that the Library is becoming more useful for educational purposes than has hitherto been the case.

Several borrowers have availed themselves of the privilege of having books retained: 720 post cards have been sent informing them of books being in. On the other hand 784 have had to be applied to for the return of overdue books: the amount accruing from Fines being £36–18s. 6d.

Juvenile Department. A Juvenile Department has been organized and opened during the year. The innovation has already proved advantageous in more than one respect: besides facilitating the issue of books to children, it is a further aid to them in their choice, as a collection of suitable books are always accessible. The relief to the other counter is also satisfactory to adult borrowers.

By transfers from other classes, and purchases, a nucleus of 850 vols. has been formed, which number the committee hope to augment to meet the expected increased demand.

The number of books consulted in the Reference, has increased from 1,438 to 1,718: the advance is more appreciable when it is taken into consideration that the Library was closed five weeks.

Every effort is being made to bring this department more under public notice; containing as it does nearly 4,000 volumes, a large number being on open shelves, accessible to readers, it is deserving of more patronage. The principal addition has been a donation of 31 vols. of Parliamentary debates, 1906-7, from C. N. Nicholson, Esq., M.P.

Reference Department. Stock.

Nearly 300 volumes were added during the period under review, which, including also cost of replacements, has entailed an expenditure of £109 6s. 6d., a by no means small proportion of the income. Of the additions, 70 only were works of Fiction, about 25%, and every care was taken by the committee not to admit any of the pernicious kind of which there is such an abundance now published.

Several obsolete Theological works have been withdrawn from circulation: this having become necessary, owing to the shelf accommodation being taxed to its utmost capacity.

The constant wear and tear of the more popular books has caused the replacement of 250, and the rebinding of 470 volumes, while minor repairs is one of the daily duties of the staff. It can safely be claimed that the condition of the books has improved during the last few years, and it is satisfactory to the committee to know that borrowers frequently express their appreciation of this.

Reading Rooms. The attendance of readers in the Reading, Magazine and Ladies' Rooms, is quite up to the average, in fact, it frequently occurs that nearly every newspaper and magazine are in use at the same time. The committee will probably add to the already liberal supply of periodicals.

A separate switch has been fixed for each light on the newspaper stands: the reader is now able to turn the light on or off as required. The idea is approved of by the public, and is also a means of reducing the Electricity Account.

Committee.

By the death of Mr. W. Johnson, and the resignations of Councillor Robinson and Dr. Corbett, a change has taken place in the membership of the committee. Mr. Johnson had only served about two years, but during that time he had shewn a keen interest in the Library. Councillor Robinson was one of the old and valued council representatives, whilst Dr. Corbett, having accepted the appointment of Curator to the Museum that is being established, has to his colleagues, and his own regret had to relinquish his position on the committee.

Borrowers.

The number of borrowers enrolled has increased from 2,018 to 2,056. Of these, 333 have availed themselves of the Students' additional ticket. This privilege is much appreciated by the studious, and has also induced others who had formally confined there reading to light literature to take out books of a more serious nature.

General.

The Library was closed for the purpose of Painting, etc., from September 4th to October 11th: it was decided to have the tints as light as possible, with the object of brightening the interior, as before with dark colours it was quite gloomy. It can safely be claimed the selection made has had the desired effect.

The Chairman and Librarian were deputed to attend the Library Association Conference held at Sheffield.

CHAS. THEOBALD, Chairman. ROBERT SLEIGHT, Librarian.

TABLE I.

Showing Number of Issues recorded in Lending Department, Daily Average, and Percentage of each Class.

| | А | В | ၁ | D | 田 | Ц | Ů | H | n | | No. of | Daily |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|
| | Theology and Moral Philosophy. | Biography, History and Travel, | Politics and Economics. | Science and Art. | Fiction. | Magazines and Reviews. | Essays, Collected Works, &c. | Poetical Works. | Juvenile. | Totals. | Open. | Issue. |
| | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | * |
| January | 58 | 593 | 31 | 434 | 5809 | 551 | 218 | 29 | | 7761 | 56 | 298 |
| February | 48 | 570 | 45 | 437 | 5253 | 507 | 191 | 81 | | 7132 | 24 | 297 |
| March | 73 | 589 | 32 | 481 | 5880 | 519 | 263 | 77 | | 7914 | 27 | 293 |
| April | 69 | 441 | 23 | 419 | 5200 | 466 | 179 | 09 | | 6857 | 24 | 586 |
| May | 89 | 481 | 24 | 405 | 5050 | 373 | 205 | 54 | | 6657 | 25 | 566 |
| June | 51 | 422 | 24 | 414 | 5086 | 320 | 189 | 64 | | 6570 | 56 | 253 |
| July | 33 | 498 | 27 | 426 | 4985 | 321 | 170 | 59 | | 6525 | 27 | 241 |
| August | 49 | 406 | 25 | 300 | 4270 | 292 | 125 | 43 | | 5507 | 25 | 220 |
| September | 6 | 120 | က | 72 | 848 | 85 | 35 | 11 | | 1180 | 4 | 295 |
| October | 56 | 384 | 19 | 297 | 3139 | 286 | 138 | 51 | 743 | 5083 | 19 | 267 |
| November | 2 | 543 | 33 | 360 | 4175 | 377 | 164 | 80 | 1099 | 6879 | 36 | 564 |
| December | 50 | 508 | 35 | 348 | 3838 | 449 | 148 | 56 | 1045 | 6474 | 25 | 259 |
| Total, 1909 | 588 | 5555 | 315 | 4390 | 53533 | 4543 | 2025 | 703 | 2887 | 74539 | 278 | 268 |
| Total, 1908 | 632 | 5919 | 512 | 5067 | 61895 | 5128 | 1947 | 688 | | 81788 | 303 | 270 |
| Increase | | | | | | | 78 | 15 | 2887 | | | |
| Decrease | 44 | 364 | 197 | 677 | 8362 | 585 | | | | 7249 | 25 | 67 |
| Approximate Percentage of each | 0.8 | 7.4 | 0.4 | 5.9 | 71.8 | 6.1 | 75. | 1.0 | 3.9 | 100. | | |

* FRACTIONS IGNORED.

TABLE II.

Number of Volumes in the Library, showing Additions, etc., to each Class during 1909.

| Classification | Total 1908. | Added. | With- drawn. | Total 1909. |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| A Theology, Moral Philosophy, &c. B History, Biography and Travel C Economics, Politics, &c. D Science and Art E Fiction F Magazines and Reviews G Essays, Collected Works, &c. H Poetry and Drama J Juvenile Literature Reference Department | 603 6122 417 1538 4900 1101 1399 634 3226 | 12 666 9 38 70 12 27 3 849 58 | 96 107 4 55 1034 4 11 4 | 519 6081 422 1521 3936 1109 1415 633 849 3284 |

TABLE III.

Showing the Issue for each Year since the Opening of the Library.

| Year. | Works. | Volumes. | Year. | Works. | Volumes. |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 | 16,989 15,200 11,141 11,300 11,187 11,681 12,201 15,006 15,252 22,405 26,640 34,518 37,928 43,220 47,329 50,269 55,944 57,871 57,894 55,902 | 40,882 50,364 52,515 56,535 56,952 60,233 63,324 65,857 64,758 64,856 | 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 | 54,361 55,837 61,379 60,499 67,607 69,180 67,699 68,564 66,510 60,403 57,699 68,450 64,912 62,568 61,709 64,821 69,523 71,452 78,767 72,126 | 63,709 62,692 67,458 65,660 73,012 73,732 71,270 71,390 68,801 61,978 58,961 70,290 66,689 64,495 64,821 68,181 73,032 74,732 81,788 74,539 |

TABLE IV.

BORROWERS' OCCUPATIONS.

| Accountants 11 | Brought forward1154 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Agents 11 | Miners 5 |
| Apprentices 62 | Merchants 16 |
| Artisans 62 | Painters, &c 24 |
| Builders and Bricklayers 22 | Printers 10 |
| Carpenters, &c 43 | Professional Men 42 |
| Clergymen 14 | Publicans 6 |
| Clerks 147 | Railway Servants 36 |
| Dressmakers, &c 33 | Scholars and Students 314 |
| Domestics and Housewives 467 | Shopkeepers and Managers 96 |
| Engineers, &c 34 | Shop Assistants 98 |
| Errand Boys 20 | Tailors 11 |
| Farmers 11 | Teachers, &c 145 |
| Fitters and Turners 28 | Travellers 11 |
| Gardeners 1 | Miscellaneous 56 |
| Gentlemen 16 | No Occupations 32 |
| Labourers 43 | Ť. |
| Ladies of no Occupation 129 | |
| | Total 2,056 |
| Carried forward 1,154 | |

Students, Tickets have been issued to 333 Borrowers.

TABLE Y.

AGES OF BORROWERS.

| Under 20 years of ag | е | ••• | | | | 570 |
|----------------------|------|--------|-------|-------|---|------|
| Between 20 and 30 y | ears | of age | | | | 530 |
| Between 30 and 40 | ,, | , , | | | | 332 |
| Between 40 and 50 | ,, | ,, | • • • | • • • | | 273 |
| | | | • • • | | | 251 |
| No age stated | | • • • | • • • | • • • | | 100 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | T_0 | otal | | 2 | ,056 |

TABLE VI.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS RESIDENT IN EACH WARD.

| Central | | • • • | • • • | | • • • | 386 |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| East | | | | • • • | | 500 |
| North | | | | | ••• | 198 |
| St. George's | | • • • | | | | 260 |
| South | | ••• | • • • | | | 345 |
| West | | ••• | | | | 187 |
| Non-resident | Subse | ribers | | • • • | | 180 |
| | | | | | | |

Total 2,056

TABLE VII.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE DURING 1909, COMPARED TO 1908.

| , | | | | _ | _ | _ | | | | _ | | _ | | | | |
|-------|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| 1909. | 74,539 | 1,718 | 2,056 | 333 | 278 | 268 | 721 | 295 | 41 | | 18s. | 78. | 5s. | 10s. | £15 5s. 3d. | |
| 1908. | 81,788 | 1,594 | 2,018 | 342 | 303 | 270 | 206 | 247 | C 1 | - | 17s. | 6s. | 3s. | $_{ m Ss}$ | £15 1s. 8d. | |
| | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | |
| | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | |
| | : | t | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | |
| | No. of Issues Recorded in Lending Department | No. 01 Dooks Consulted in Reference Departmen | No. of Bolrowers Registered during year | No. of Students Tickets applied for | No. of Days Open | Dally Average Issue | No. of books retained and Post Cards sent | Deale I at the first of the second of the se | Books Lost and Replaced by Borrowers | Docting from Ti | receipts from fines | Receipts from Catalogues sold | Receipts from Borrowers' Cards | Receipts from Non-residents' Subscriptions | Sale of Periodicals, etc | |

TABLE VIII.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS.

| Donor. | Donation. |
|---|--|
| ANDREWS, MESSRS | Durham University Calendar. Official Year Book of 1901-8. Handbook of South Australia. Motor Tour in Yorkshire. |
| ASSOCIATION | Milton on Son of God, etc. Guide to Anthropology; Guides to Whales, Porpoises, and Dolphins; Synopsis of British Basidiomycetes; Guide to Exhibition of Greek and Roman Life; Guide to Egyptian Collection; Guide to Egyptian Galleries (Sculpture); Fac- similes of Autographs and Documents of John Milton; Catalogue of African Fresh Water Fishes; Catalogue of Moths, Vol. 7. |
| BLISS, SANDS, & FOSTER, MESSRS. CANADIAN EMIGRATION DEP CARNEGIE, A., ESQ CASSON, H. N., ESQ GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY CO | Cabinet and Party Politics. Canada. Life of Sir R. Cremer (2 Copies). Life of C. H. McCormick. East Coast Holidays. |
| Hall, W., Esq | Quaint Queer Holland. Via Crusis. Scholastic Directory, 1908-9. Wet-Fly Fishing; How to Fish. Science of Dry-Fly Fishing. |
| HICKS, MESSRS | National Trades Directory. Where to stay in West Country, Handy Newspaper List. Insurance Register. |
| LEEDS, UNIVERSITY OF LLOYD, MISS LONDON, TOWN CLERK OF | Calendar, 1909-10. Art Journal, 1898. Calendars of the Letterbooks of the City of London. |
| MacDonald, Messrs Nicholson, C. N., Esq., M.P | English Directory, 2 Vols. Sheffield University Calendar, 1909-10. Parliamentary Debates, 1906-7. 24 Vols. Parliamentary Reports, 33 Pts. |
| PATON, MESSRS. J. & J. PITMAN, STR ISAAC, LTD. SHARPE, MISS | List of Schools, 1909. Where to Look; Germany and Sea Power. History of Hebrew Nation. The Ancient Law. |
| UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL PRESS YORKSHIRE PARISH REGISTER | Matriculation Directory, 2 Vols. London University Calendar. |
| Society | Parish Registers of Otley. Ashton-under-Lyne, Barnsley, Battersea, Birmingham, Bradford, Brighton, Buxton, Chicago, Cleveland (U.S.A.), Dewsbury, Dundee, Eccles, Glasgow, Hammersmith, Hove; Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley, King's Norton, Leeds, Lincoln, Loughborough, Middlesbrough, New York, Newark-on-Trent, Paisley, Plymouth, Richmond, Salford, Stafford, Stockport, Toronto, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wigan, Willesden, Wandsworth, Westminster. |

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED.

NEWSROOM AND MAGAZINE ROOM.

DAILY.

Times Daily Chronicle.

" Graphic. " News. " Telegraph.

Standard.
Leeds Mercury.
"Evening News.
Yorkshire Post.

" Evening Post. Manchester Guardian. Eastern Morning News. Sheffield Telegraph.

" Independent. " Evening Star. Liverpool Daily Post. Westminster Gazette.

WEEKLY.

*Accountant.
Athenæum.
Amateur Photographer.
Black and White.
B 'okseller.
*Bournemouth Visitor.
Boys' Own Paper.
British Weekly.
Building News.
*Catholic Times.
Christian World,
Clarion.
Doncaster Chronicle.
"Gazette.

WEEKLY-Continued.

Electrician

Engineer. Engineering. English Mechanic.
*Estate Gazette. Era Exchange & Mart (tri-Weekly). Field. Gardeners' Chronicle. Graphic. Illustrated London News. *Journal of the Society of Arts. Labour News: Local Government Chronicle Metropolitan. *Mexboro' Times. *Motor Traction. Nation. Nature Official Journal (Patents). *Phonetic Journal Practical Engineer. Punch. Railway Review. Rotherham Advertiser, Saturday Review. Sheffield Weekly News. Spectator. Sphere. Stamford Mercury, Truth. University Correspondent.

MONTHLY.

Art Journal Animal World. British Workman. Century Magazine. Chamber's Journal. Contemporary Review. Cornhill Magazine. *Educational Times. *Deliverer. English Illustated Magazine. Fortnightly Review.
*Foresters Miscellany.
Harper's Magazine. Knowledge.
'Musical Herald.
Musical Times Níneteenth Century. Mileteetti Celitury. Pall Mall Magazine. Railway Guides—Bradshaw, Great Northern, ABC, &c. Railway Magazine. Scribner's Magazine. Studio, Strand Magazine, Westminster Review. Wide World Magazine. Windsor Magazine. Zoophilist.

QUARTERLY.

Hibbert Journal. Reliquary.

LADIES' BOOM.

DAILY.

⁸ Daily Telegraph. Daily Graphic Morning Post. Sheffield Independent. Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

*Worcester Herald.

Black and White.
Doncaster Chronicle.
, Gazette.
Gentlewoman.
Good Words.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Lady's Pictorial.
Ladies' Field.
Punch.

Queen. *Week and Weekly News.

* Presented.

MONTHLY.

Cassell's Magazine.
*Church Gazette.
Girl's Own Paper.
*Herald of the Golden Age.
Ladies' Realm.
Leisure Hour.
London Magazine.
Myra's Journal.
Quiver,
*Temperance Advocate.

QUARTERLY.

*Englishwoman's Review.

HYDE PARK.

DAILY.

Sheffield Independent. Leeds Mercury, Yorkshire Post. London Telegraph. Morning Leader. Daily News Daily Graphic. Westimister Gazette.

WEEKLY.

Black and White.
British Weekly.
Doncaster Chronicle.
Gazette.
Exchange and Mart.
Municipal Journal.
Nation.
Practical Engineer.
Sphere.
Yorkshire Weekly Post.

MONTHLY.

Animal World
British Workman.
Century Magazine.
Chamber's Journal.
Contemporary Review.
English Illustrated Mazazine
Literary Guide.
Railway Magazine.
Royal Magazine.
Scribner's Magazine.
Westminster Review.
Windsor Magazine.
Wide World Magazine.

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| | | | | | | | | |
| Rent, etc. Newspapers | | | | | | | | |
| Stationery HYDE PARK RI | | | | | | | | |
| Gas | | | | | | | | |
| Auditor | 11 1 10 | | : | : | : | : | Bank Interest | |
| Insurance | 4 7 2 | | : | : | : | : | Sale of Catalogues | |
| Postages and Stamp | 1 11 2 | | : | : | : | : | Lavatory Receipts | |
| Subscriptions to Li | 1. 0. 7. | 0 15 0 | : | : | : | : | Insurance | |
| Repairs and Fixtur | | 0 0 9 | : | : | : | : | Heating | |
| Rates, etc | | 13 0 0 | : | : | : | ses | Caretakers' Services | |
| Coal, etc | | | | | | e :- | School of Art Committee :- | |
| Printing | 22 10 0 | | : | : | nts | -reside | Subscriptions from Non-residents | |
| Newspapers and Ma | 4 4 7 | | : | : | : | : | Petty Cash Receipts | |
| Books Rebound | 15 5 3 | | : | : | : | : | Sale of Periodicals | |
| Books Purchased | 9 5 3 | | : | : | : | : | Borrowers' Cards | |
| Rent | 36 18 6 | | : | : | : | : | Fines for Detention | |
| Electric Light and | 632 10 0 | | : | : | : | : | Income from Rate | |
| Salaries and Wages | 620 12 7 | | : | : | : | ount | Balance as per last Account | |
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| : | : | : | : | : | : | : | : | | : | : | | : | | | |
| Repairs and Fixtures | Subscriptions to Library Association | Petty Expenditure | Postages and Stamps | Insurance | Auditor | Gas | Stationery | HYDE PARK READING ROOMS: | Rent, etc | Newspapers | | Balance forward | | | |

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| : | : | : | : |
| : | : | : | : |
| Bank Balance, 31st December, 1909 | Fees, etc., Paid January 6th | Outstanding Accounts (since paid) | Net Balance forward |

Audited and found correct,

F. J. CLARKE, F.S.A.A., Auditor,

31st January, 1910.

STOCKIL BEQUEST FUND.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

| .6 s d. | 12 10 5 | | £41 16 11 | |
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| INCOME. | Interest Half-year 8 15 0 , Less Income Tax 9 6 | ". Interest Half-year 8 15 0 10 2 | ., Bank Interest | |

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| Bank Balance, December 31st, 1909 Interest Paid, January 6th, 1910 | Outstanding Account since Paid | Net Balance forward £12 10 5 |

Audited and found correct,
31st January, 1910.

F. J. CLARKE, F.S.A.A.











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Secretary:

M. C. SCOTT.



FREE LIBRARY.

Report of the Committee.

TO THE TOWN COUNCIL OF DONCASTER.

GENTLEMEN,

The Library Committee beg to present their Report for the year ending December 31st, 1910: the forty-first since the institution of the Library.

Lending and Reference Departments. The aggregate issues recorded in these departments, 80,107, is some 3,000 in excess of the previous year, but does not quite reach the record of 1908, viz., 81,788; yet it can almost be safely assumed that the latter figures would have been surpassed, but for the fact of two General Elections occurring during the period under review, which no doubt diverted time and attention from book-reading.

The daily average was 267, varying from 309 for the month of February to 221 in August.

On Table 1 will be seen an analysis of the class of books issued. Of the total, Fiction comprised 59%: though over half, it should be considered that the large majority are standard works, and not modern ephemeral novels.

In the Juvenile Class 12,522 is the number, which testifies the need of such a department in a library, and justifies the Committee in their encouragement of reading amongst children. The advantage of the cultivation of the reading habit to them, and probably their teachers too, is obvious.

The privilege of bespeaking books is much appreciated by borrowers. About 800 have been retained, and advice post cards sent. On the other hand, 504 negligent ones have have had to be applied to for the return of overdue books, and in three instances, as a last resource, the guarantors were appealed to. The amount accruing from Fines was \$\pmu39 7s\$.

The Reference Department shows an increase in the number of books consulted, viz., 2.010, compared to 1,718 the year before. These figures are not a true criterion of the utility of this department, as a considerable number of books are on open shelves accessible to readers and in constant use, but no record taken of them. The new edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica has already been ordered, and will no doubt prove a great acquisition. The need of a file of an important daily paper is much felt, and to supply the want the Committee have decided that the *Times* should be kept for this purpose.

The total now contained in the Library reaches 20,117 volumes. Of these 16,761 are in the Lending, and 3,356 the Reference Department.

The additions during the year have been 350 volumes, of which 74 only were Fiction: a mere tithe of the great quantity published. Great care is exercised in the selection, and it is questionable whether a larger number than those purchased were actually worthy of being included in a permanent collection. It has been decided to have a large number of expensive books on loan, instead of purchasing outright at published price. This will be a means of putting books to actual test whether they are likely to be of permanent value.

Stock

The constant wear and tear of the popular classes has necessitated 295 volumes being re-placed and 471 re-bound. Every effort is being made to improve the condition of the stock, and there is no doubt but that a vast improvement has been made.

It is satisfactory to know that frequent expressions of appreciation are heard. When it is considered that £143 was spent in new books and re-placements, it will be seen that no expense is being spared to attain this desirable object.

The need of more shelving accommodation is becoming keenly felt. Several hundred volumes have had to be stored on the tops of the bookcases, and are very inaccessible for the staff to reach. This applies to both Lending and Reference Departments.

The list of periodicals taken has been added to; including the Hyde Park Reading Room, 136 are supplied.

The number of readers, considering the increased population in the neighbourhood, is steadily increasing: frequently nearly every paper and periodical are in use at the same time.

The number of borrowers enrolled was 2,060, against 2,056 the year before. Students' tickets have been issued to 349, compared to 333. This privilege is becoming more appreciated, and is a means of increasing the utility of the Library.

Four changes have been made in the Committee. Alderman Birkinshaw, owing to ill-health, having to relinquish some of his public work; and the Rev. Halliwell Thomas, by reason of removing from the town, has, to his own and his colleagues' regret, had to resign from the Committee. The reverend gentleman was one of the oldest co-opted members, and took a deep interest in the Library, his knowledge of literature being of great value, and it is fully realized how serious a loss is sustained by his removal. Mr. W. Jardine and Mr. R. Cave have also resigned.

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orrowers.

ommittee.

Donations.

Several donations of books have been received. C. N. Nicholson, Esq., M.P., I as again shown his interest in the Library by presenting The Sacred Books of the East, 48 volumes; also a further collection of Parliamentary Debates.

General.

The Library was closed September 5th to 12th for the purpose of stocktaking. It is worthy of notice every book has been accounted for. This might be taken as practical proof of the excellence of the system of issuing.

Mr. I. Vaughan and the Librarian were deputed to attend the Library Association Conference held at Exeter.

CHAS. THEOBALD, Chairman.
ROBERT SLEIGHT, Librarian.

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TABLE I.

Showing Number of Issues recorded in Lending and Reference Department, Daily Average, and Percentage of each Class.

| Daily Average Issue. | 290 300 300 300 283 283 284 286 286 286 286 | 267 |
|---|---|--|
| No. of Davs Open. | 9 6 6 6 7 7 8 9 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 | 300 278 22 22 |
| Totals. | 7545 7416 7493 7493 7493 7493 7387 6367 6083 5759 1967 6929 6915 | 80107 76257 3850 |
| Reference Depa tmont | 2 2 2 2 4 1 2 2 3 3 1 1 2 3 3 5 4 1 1 3 3 5 4 1 1 3 3 5 4 1 1 3 3 5 4 1 1 3 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 292 293 2.5 |
| Juvenile. | 1283 1284 1284 1147 1015 864 844 811 707 1080 1206 | 12522 2887 9635 35 15.6 |
| Poetical Works, | 4 4 2 5 5 4 4 8 8 8 8 2 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 703 |
| Bssays, Collected Works, &c. | 158 153 153 157 157 103 115 163 151 | 1830 2025 195 |
| Magazines and Reviews. | 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 250 | 4863 4543 320 6·0 |
| Fiction. | 4 4 3 3 8 4 1 7 2 4 1 7 2 1 1 7 2 1 1 7 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 5903 5903 5905 |
| Science and Art. | 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 | 4136 4390 5.2 |
| Politics and Economics. | 4 4 % % 2 2 2 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 | 315 32 32 32 |
| Biography History and Travel. | 562 502 506 624 689 6408 6426 6426 6426 6426 6426 6426 6426 642 | 5472 5555 83 6.9 |
| Theology Biography Hilosophy, and Travel. | 88 4 4 4 4 4 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 | 588 630 |
| | | Per- |
| | January Rebruary March April June Jung September October November | Total, 1910 Total, 1909 Increase Decrease Approximate I centage of collass |

TABLE II.

Number of Volumes in the Library, showing Additions, etc., to each Class during 1910.

| Classification. | Total, 1909. | Added. | With- drawn. | Total. 1910. |
|---|--|---|-----------------|--|
| A Theology, Moral Philosophy, &c. B History, Biography and Travels C Economics, Politics, &c. D Science and Art E Fiction F Magazines and Reviews G Essays, Collected Works, &c H Poetry and Drama J Juvenile Literature Reference Department | 519 6081 422 1521 3936 1109 1415 633 849 3284 | 55 52 5 14 74 23 17 13 25 72 | 2 | 574 6133 427 1535 4010 1130 1432 646 874 3356 |
| | 19769 | 350 | 2 | 20117 |

TABLE III.

Showing the Issue for each Year since the Opening of the Library.

| Year. | Works. | Volumes. | Year. | Works. | Volumes. |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1889 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 | 16,989 15,200 11,141 11,300 11,187 11,681 12,201 15,006 15,252 22,405 26,640 34,518 37,928 43,220 47,329 50,269 53,944 57,871 57,894 55,902 | 40,882 50,364 52,515 56,535 56,952 60,233 63,324 65,857 64,758 64,856 | 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 | 54,361 55,837 61,379 60,499 67,607 69,180 67,699 68,564 66,510 60,403 57,699 68,450 64,912 62,568 61,709 64,821 69,523 71,452 78,767 72,126 77,121 | 63,709 62,692 67,458 65,660 73,012 73,732 71,270 71,390 68,801 61,978 58,961 70,290 66,689 64,495 64,821 68,181 73,032 74,732 81,788 74,539 80,107 |

TABLE IV.

BORROWERS' OCCUPATIONS.

| | | | | | | | _ | | |
|------------------|--------|-------|-----------------|-----|-----------------|---|---------|---|------|
| Accountants | | | 11 | 1 | | ght for | | | |
| Agents | | | 17 | I | ladies of | no Oce | eupatio | n | 127 |
| Apprentices | | | 60 | 1 | Iiners | | | | 6 |
| Artizans | | | 44 | 1 | Ierchant | S | | | 16 |
| Builders and Bri | | rs | 18 | F | Painters, | &c. | | | |
| Carpenters, &c. | | | 46 | I | rinters | | | | 7 |
| Clergymen | | | 11 | | rofession | | | | |
| Clerks | | | 156 | | ublicans | | | | |
| Dressmakers, &c | | | | | Railway S | | | | 37 |
| Domestics and I | | | | | cholars a | | | | 347 |
| Engineers, &c. | | | 25 | | hopkeep | | | | |
| Errand Boys | | | 25 | | hop Assi | | | | 107 |
| Farmers | | | 14 | П | 'ailors | .,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | • • • | | 15 |
| Fitters and Tur | | | $\overline{22}$ | T T | eachers, | S-0 | • • • | | 153 |
| Gardeners | | | 4 | i i | 'ravellers | | • • • | | 7 |
| Gentlemen | | | 12 | | Iiscellan | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 44 |
| Labourers | • • • | • • • | 46 | 1 | No Occup | ation | | | 33 |
| | | - | | | | | | _ | |
| Carried fo | orward | 1 | ,000 | | To | tal | | 2 | ,060 |
| O. 3 | | | , | , | 3 . 0. | 0 | | - | |

Students Tickets have been issued to 349 Borrowers.

TABLE Y.

AGES OF BORROWERS.

| Under 20 years | | | | | 607 |
|------------------|---------|---------|-----|-------|-------|
| Between 20 and | . 30 ye | ears of | age | | 424 |
| Between 30 and | 1 40 | ,, ,, | | | 359 |
| Between 40 and | 50 | ,, ,, | | | 295 |
| Over 50 years of | of age | | | | 248 |
| No age stated | | | | | 127 |
| | | | | | |
| | | То | tal | 2 | 2,060 |

TABLE VI.

NUMBER OF BORROWERS RESIDENT IN EACH WARD.

| Central | • • • | | | | | | • • • | 368 |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
| East | • • • | | | | | | | 505 |
| | ••• | | • • • | | | | | 216 |
| St. Geo | | • • • | ••• | | • • • | • • • | • • • | 264 |
| South West | • • • | • • • | ••• | • • • | • • • | • • • | • • • | $\frac{345}{185}$ |
| Non-res | | Subsc | ribers | | | | ••• | 177 |
| 1,011 100 | 10110 | Sabb | 7110010 | ••• | ••• | ••• | ••• | |
| | | | | Tot | al | | 2 | .060 |

TABLE VII.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE DURING 1910, COMPARED TO 1909.

| 1910. | \$0,107 2,060 349 300 267 781 350 3 0 £39 7s. 0d. £3 5s. 8d. £9 2s. 8d. £21 17s. 6d. £17 1s. 7d. |
|-------|---|
| 1909. | 76,257 2,056 333 278 278 274 721 295 4 1 295 4 721 295 4 295 84 78. 8d. £9 5s. 3d. £22 10s. 0d. £15 5s. 3d. |
| | No. of Issues Recorded in Lending and Reference Departments No. of Borrowers Registered during year No. of Students' Tickets applied for No. of Days Open Daily Average Issue No. of Books retained and Post Cards sent No. of Books Added Books Lost and Replaced by Borrowers Books Unaccounted for Receipts from Fines Receipts from Sale of Catalogues Receipts from Borrowers' Tickets Receipts from Sale of Periodicals, &c Receipts from Sale of Periodicals, &c |

TABLE VIII.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS.

| Donor. | Donation. |
|---------------------------------|---|
| | Durham University Calendar, 1909. |
| | Year Book of Australia, 1901-9. |
| | Do. do. 1910. Locke's Essays, 3 Vols. |
| 7. 7.5 | Locke's Essays, 3 Vols Yorkshire Directory, 1910. |
| | The Great Idea; Romance of the Salvation Army. |
| BRITISH MUSEUM, TRUSTEES OF | Catalegue of Lepidoptera Phalanae; Hand List of Birds, Vol. 5; Catalogue of Cretaceous Bryoza, Vol. 2; Memorials of Charles Darwin; Cata- logue of Moths, Vol. 9; Guide to British Vertebrates; Guide to Crus- tacea, etc. |
| BROADBENT, R. J | Doncaster Theatre Play Bills, 1831. |
| 0 0 0 | Stage Year Book, 1910. |
| Co-operative Union, Ltd | 42nd Annual Report Co-operative Congress. |
| DURNING-LAWRENCE, SIR E | Bacon is Shakespeare, 4 copies. |
| | Daily News Year Book, 1910. |
| | Aidan, the Apostle of England. |
| GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY CO. | Bonnie Scotland; 'Twixt Thames and Iweed. |
| HEATON, Rev. W. J | Our Own English Bible. |
| T C | Christendom Astray. |
| Johnson, Miss E | In the Fire, etc; Devotional Aspirations; |
| LAYTON, C. & E | Fact and Fable. Handy Newspaper List, 1901; Insurance Register, 1910. |
| MEWBURN, ELLIS, & PRYOR, MESSRS | |
| > T | Report, 1910. |
| Nicholson, C. N., M.P. | Board of Trade Reports on Railway Accidents; Parliamentary Debates, 1988-9, 33 Vols.; Historic Manuscripts Commission, 5 Vols.; Sacred Books of the East, 48 Vols. |
| | List of Schools, 1910. |
| | British Association Guide Life and Times of the Marquis of |
| SWABY, G. W | Salisbury. |
| TRADES DIRECTORIES, LTD | North-Eastern Counties Directory, 1910. |
| | Sheffield Directory, 1909–10. |
| 37 | Matriculation Directories, 3 Vols Lectures on Babies; Nutrition of the |
| VINCENT, R | Infants. |
| Libraries, Reports of | Ashton-under-Lyne, Barnsley, Batley, Battersea, Birmingham, Bradford, Brighton, Buxton, Cambridge, John Crerar Library (Chicago), Cripplegate Foundation, Dewsbury, Dundee, Eccles, Edinburgh, Great Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Hove, Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley Kimberley (S A.), King's Norton, Leeds, Loughborough, Middlesborough, Newark, New York, Paisley, Plymouth, Richmond (Surrey), Salford, Stafford, Stirling's and Glasgow, Stockport. Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Wandsworth, Westminster, Wigan, Worcester. |
| | |

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED.

NEWSROOM AND MAGAZINE ROOM.

DAILY.

Times Daily Chronicle

" Graphic " News .. Telegraph

Standard Leeds Mercury ,, Evening News

Yorkshire Post "Evening Post Manchester Guardian Eastern Morning News Sheffield Telegraph

" Independent " Evening Star Liverpool Daily Post Westminster Gazette

WEEKLY.

*Accountant
Atheneum
Amateur Photographer
Black and White
Bookseller
*Bournemouth Visitor
Boy's Own Paper
British Weekly
Building News
*Catholic Times
Christian World
Clarion
Colliery Guardian
Doncaster Chronicle
,,, Gazette

DAILY.

Daily Graphic *Daily Telegraph Morning Post Sheffield Independent Yorkshire Post WEEKLY-Continued.

Electrician Engineer Engineering English Mechanic *Estate Gazette Era

Exchange & Mart (tri-Weekly) Field Gardeners' Chronicle Graphic

Graphic
Illustrated London News
*Journal of the Society of Arts
Labour News
*Local Government Chronicle

*Local Government C *Metropolitan *Mexbro' Times *Motor Traction

*Motor Traction Nation Nature

*Official Journal (Patents)

*Phonetic Journal
Punch

Railway Review Rotherham Advertiser Saturday Review Sheffield Weekly News Sketch Spectator

Sphere Stamford Mercury Truth *University Correspondent

Worcester Herald
QUARTERLY

Hibbert Journal

LADIES' ROOM. WEEKLY.

Black and White
Doncaster Chronicle
Gazette
Gentlewoman
Good Words
Graphic
Illustrated London News
Lady's Pictorial
Ladies' Field

Ladies' Field Punch Queen Week and Weekly News

MONTHLY. Art Journal Animal World

Atlantic Monthly
Bookman
British Workman
Century Magazine
Chamber's Journal
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
*Educational Times
*Deliverer
English Illustrated Magazin e
Fortnightly Review
*Foresters Miscellany
Harper's Magazine
Idler
Knowledge
Munsey's Magazine
Idler
Musical Herald
Musical Times
Nineteenth Century
Pall Mall Magazine
Pearson's Magazine
Railway Guides—Bradshaw,
Great Northern, ABC, &c.

Railway Magazine Scribner's Magazine Studio Strand Magazine Westminster Review. Wide World Magazine Windsor Magazine World's Work *Zoophilist

MONTHLY.

Cassell's Magazine Church Gazette Girl's Own Paper *Herald of the Golden Age Ladies' Realm Leisure Hour London Magazine Quiver *Temperance Advocate Woman at Home

QUARTERLY.

*Englishwoman's Review,

*Presented.

HYDE PARK.

DAILY.

Sheffield Independent Leeds Mercury Yorkshire Post London Telegraph Morning Leader Daily News Daily Graphic Westminster Gazette

WEEKLY.

Black and White Bricish Weekly Doncaster Chronicle ,, Gazette Exchange and Mart

Municipal Journal Nation Sphere Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

Animal World
British Workman
Century Magazine
Chamber's Journal
Contemporary Review
English Illustrated Magazine
Literary Guide
Railway Magazine
Railway Magazine
Scribner's Magazine
Westminster Review
Windsor Magazine
Wide World Magazine

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1910.

| | | | | | | - | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----------|------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Polongo og nom logt Account | | si ¥3 | j | E s. d. 548 19 7 | Salaries and Wages | s, a, ± 308 | s |
| Income from Rate (half-year only) | : : | 317 18 1 | | | Electric Light and Repairs | 7 | 74 14 8 |
| ", Agricultural Rate | : | 4 8 | | | Rent | N, | C 1 |
| | | | | 322 6 11 | Books Purchased | 114 | <u>-</u> [|
| Fines for Detention | : | : | | 39 7 0 | Books Rebound | n (| 17 |
| Borrowers' Cards | : | | | C) | Newspapers and Magazines | œ | |
| Sale of Perio licals, etc | : | : | | 17 1 7 | Printing | | |
| Petty Cash Eccepts | : | : | | 12 | Coal, etc | T | 18 17 7 |
| Subscriptions from Non-Residents | : | : | | 21 17 6 | Rates, etc | | |
| School of Art Committee: | | | | | Repairs and Fixtures | ಣ | 10 |
| Caretaker's Services | : | 13 0 | 0 | | Subscriptions to Library Association | | C7 |
| Hea ing | | 0 9 | 0 | | Petty Expenditure | 1 | |
| Insurance | : | 0 15 | 0 | | Postages and Stamps | | 4 8 0 |
| | | - | ! | 19 15 0 | Insurance | | 15 |
| Lavatory Receipts | : | : | | 13 | Auditor | | 2 2 0 |
| Sale of Catalogues | : | : | | 3 5 8 | Stationery | | |
| Bank Interest | : | : | | 16 | Gas | | 2 4 9 |
| | | | | | HYDE PARK READING ROOMS. | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Newspapers 15 | 0 | (|
| | | | | | Balance forward | 213 | 50 0 3 |
| | | | 8 | 100 10 | | 000 | PO00 10 7 |
| | | | ¥ | #33Z 10 / | | CCC | - 1 |
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| | | | | | | | |
| Bank Balance December 31st, 1910 | : | : | 99 F | 5 S. a. 362 2 11 | Audited and found correct, | 7 70 13 | |
| Outstanding Accounts since paid | : | : | : | 148 11 9 | F. J. CLARINE, F.S.A.A. | F.S.A.A. | |

F. J. CLARKE, F.S January 18th, 1911.

213 11

Net Balance forward

STOCKIL BEQUEST FUND.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1910.

| | | "Bank Interest | " Interest Half-vear " Less Income Tax | " Interest Half-year " Less Income Tax | To Balance as per last Account | INCOME |
|---|---------|----------------|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------|
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| | | | | : | : : | EXPENDITURE. |
| | £29 1 8 | | | C T | 15 13 6. 20 5 0. | |

Audited and found correct,

18th January, 1911.

F. J. CLARKE, F.S.A.A.







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Annual Report

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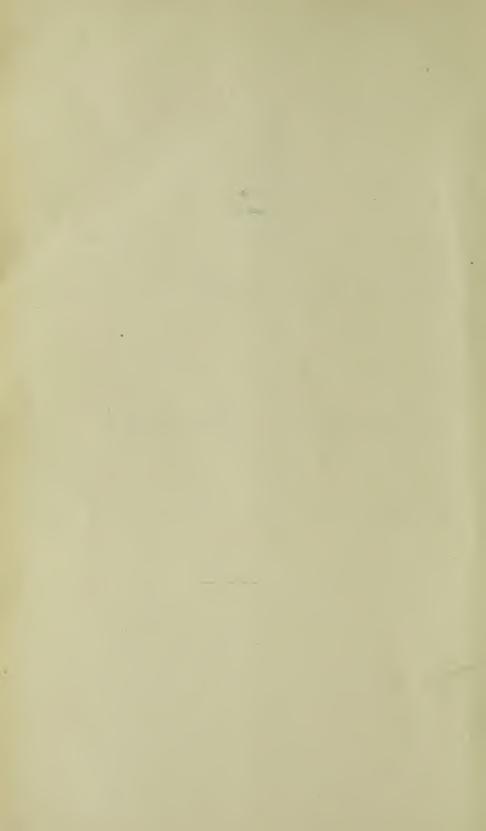
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FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

1913.

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MR. W. ROBERTS. F.R.G.S.
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MR. I. VAUGHAN.

OFFICERS:

Librarian:

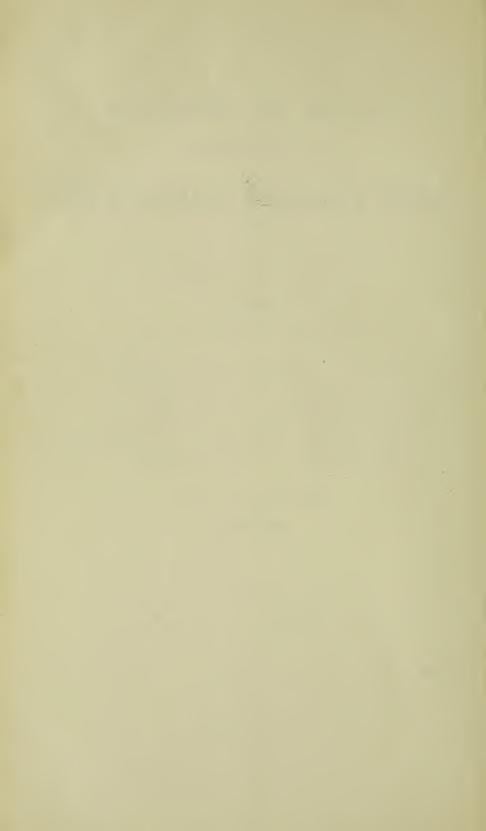
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Jurior Assistant:

A. KENRICK.



FREE LIBRARY.

Report of the Committee.

To the Town Council of Doncaster.

GENTLEMEN,

The Library Committee beg to present their Report of the working of the Library for the year ending December 31st, 1912.

The period under review has been somewhat notable in the history of the Institution. After due consideration, and inspection of other Libraries, the Committee decided to adopt the safe-guarded "open-access" system. Whilst at first, some of the members of the Committee were not particularly impressed with the proposed change, the report of the Deputation which visited other towns, and saw the system in practice, was sufficiently convincing, that the final decision was unanimously in favour. It was realised at the outset, that the arrangements of the interior of the Library, though quite satisfactory for the "closed indicator system," would have to undergo considerable alteration for the new conditions, but with the Borough Architect's aid, the building was transformed, and adapted for the purpose with the very best result.

The alterations made it necessary to close the Library for five weeks, and entailed considerable expense, but this viewed with equanimity, as under the changed order of things economies can be effected which will probably more than counterbalance any outlay. Satisfaction may reasonably be felt at the fact of the Institution being brought into line with the most modern Libraries. To the borrower the facilities and advantages given, will doubtless prove a great boon. Though rather bewildering to them at first, as they have become more accustomed to the new arrangement, with a very few exceptions, nearly everyone highly appreciates the efforts which have been made to make the Library more useful. The "open access" will probably have the effect of disinterring many books. The eminent orator who a short time ago alluded to public libraries as "Cemeteries for dead books" might possibly change his opinion, if he saw the activity which exists in some libraries where this system is in vogue.

ISSUES.

The aggregate issues recorded (70,923) is below the previous year's total (77,090), yet the daily average is slightly more, viz.:—257 compared to 256; this is accounted for by the fact of the Library only being open on 275 days against 302 the year before, owing to having to be closed during the time the structural alterations were made. In spite of the somewhat large decrease in the total issue, the class "Religion and Moral Philosophy" shows a slight increase. The first of the appended tables, which gives an analysis of the class of books issued is worthy of study; the percentage of Fiction (59) is practically stationary, but it is hoped this in future will decrease, as now the borrowers have the privilege of handling all classes of literature, they will certainly discover many works which will appeal to them, which before had been "buried" in the catalogue.

The Juvenile section is not appreciated quite as much as the Committee would like to see it, considering the number of scholars eligible for borrowing, a total issue of about ten thousand for the year is much too low. There is

certainly scope for this number to be doubled or even trebled, and efforts will be made to attract scholars to make use of the department provided for them.

The Reference Department is certainly more used than it was formerly; the issues recorded are no criterion of its utility, as no account is taken of the use made of Dictionaries, Annuals, &c., which are on open shelves and in constant demand. Many readers only require perhaps the meaning or derivation of a word, to verify a date, or some other brief reference which certainly does not justify the trouble to them of filling up a form, which is of no other use than for statistical purposes.

The printed catalogue of this department being out of date, a new one on the "card" principle has been compiled which has the advantage of being easily kept up-to-date, this is impossible with a printed one.

STOCK.

The total number of Books in stock at the end of the year was 20,526; some 281 vols. having been added. The system of having books on loan has been continued, which besides providing a continuous supply of new and often expensive works, acts also as a practical test of their value for permanent stock. During the time the Library was closed, the opportunity was taken of weeding out a large number of the old stock; these the special Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose, are carefully examining with the intention of retaining any that they consider may be of value.

Some 350 vols. mostly popular standard novels have been replaced during the year, and 595 vols. re-bound.

BORROWERS.

The number of borrowers enrolled is considerably in excess of the year before, viz. :—2128 againt 1976, an increase of 152. It is worthy of notice that the number was about the same at the time the Library was closed as the year previous, the increase has been entirely since the reopening on August 1st. This is gratifying to the Committee,

and gives proof that what has been done has met with the approval of the public. Some 203 have paid the small subscription charged to non-residents; only a fraction of the large suburban population. Possibly the time is not far distant when they will have the same privileges as residents of the Borough.

READING ROOMS.

There is little to relate in regard to this department, the attendance is well maintained in all the rooms. The "Daily Citizen," has been added to the list of papers taken. It might be mentioned that the Labour Exchange send daily lists of workpeople wanted; these relieve the newspapers, of which, the columns of advertisements were so eagerly scanned.

GENERAL.

The member for Doncaster Division, Sir C. N. Nicholson, M.P., has again shown his interest in the Library by presenting several vols.

The Chairman and Librarian were deputed to attend the Library Association Conference held at Liverpool, September 2-6, a report of the proceedings was afterwards issued to each member of the Committee.

The thanks of the Committee are tendered to the local Press for publication of "Lists of Books added," &c.

CHAS. THEOBALD, Chairman. ROBERT SLEIGHT, Librarian.

TABLE I.

Analysis of Issues recorded in Lending and Reference Departments, Daily Average, and Percentage of each class.

| 1 | _ | | | | - | | | _ | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------|------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|--|
| Daily Average Issue. | 269 | 308 | 337 | 220 | 223 | 246 | 272 | 260 | 258 | 256 | 7 | | |
| No. of Days Open. | 27 | 26 | 26 | 0* % | 25 | 27 | 56 | 24 | 275 | 302 | | 27 | |
| TOTALS, | 7257 | 7996 | 6158 | 4107 | 5569 | 9799 | 7072 | 6228 | 70923 | 77090 | | 6167 | 100 |
| Reference Department. | 181 | 194 | 142 | 103 103 | †11 | 151 | 94 | 117 | 1680 | 2251 | | 571 | 2.4 |
| Juvenile. | 993 | 1219 | 882 | 493 857 | 869 | 975 | 9401 | 935 | 10250 | 11097 | | 847 | 14.4 |
| H Poetical Works. | 58 | 57 | 55 | 30 | 14 | \$ \$2 | 62 | 37 | 909 | 619 | | 13 | 8.00 |
| Essays, Collected Works, &c. | 991 | 169 | 130 | +/ | 128 | 150 | 152 | 135 | 1535 | 1630 | | 95 | 2.I |
| Magazines | 559 | 475 | 437 | 330 | 431 | 315 | 539 | 505 | 6961 | 5354 | | 385 | 7.0 |
| Fiction. | 4202 | 4776 | 3702 | 3675 | 3407 | 3926 | 4202 | 3782 | 42451 | 45497 | | 3046 | 59.8 |
| Science and Art. | 375 | 368 280 | 263 | 277 | 251 | 281 | 276 | 219 | 3128 | 3701 | | 573 | 4.5 |
| Politics and Economics. | +5 26 | 56 | 26 | 9 7 | 17 | 30 | ot | 3.2 | 368 | 427 | | 59 | 00.5 |
| Brography, History and Travel | 603 | 909 | 455 | 410 | 911 | 431 | 508 | 405 | 5212 | 58i7 | | 605 | 7.3 |
| A Theology and Morel Philosophy. | 75 | 76 | 99 | 63 | 90 | 77 | 63 | 19 | 734 | 269 | 27 | | 1.2 |
| | January February | : : | : | July August | <u>.</u> | October | November | December | Total, 1912 | Total, 1911 | Increase | Decrease | Approximate Percentage of each Class |

* Closed for Alterations, June 24th to July 31st,

TABLE II.

Number of Volumes in the Library, showing Additions, &c., to each Class during 1912.

| Classification. | Total, 1911. | Added. | With- drawn. | Total, 1912. |
|---|--|---|-----------------|--|
| A Theology, Moral Philosophy, &c. B History, Biography, and Travels C Economics, Politics, &c. D Science and Art E Fiction F Magazines and Reviews G Essays, Collected Works, &c. H Poetry and Drama J Juvenile Literature Reference Department | 582 6167 432 1546 4100 1143 1437 647 882 3381 | 6 45 7 16 88 20 10 2 56 31 | 7 7 65 | 588 6205 439 1555 4132 1163 1445 649 938 3412 |
| | 20326 | 281 | 81 | 20526 |

TABLE III.

Showing the Issue for each year since the opening of the Library.

| Year. | Works. | Vo'umes. | Year. | Works. | Vo!umes. |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1870 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1985 1886 1887 1888 | 16,989 15,200 11,141 11,300 11,187 11,681 12,201 15,006 15,252 22,405 26,640 34,518 37,928 43,220 47,329 50,26) 53,944 57,871 57,894 55,902 54,361 | 40,882 50,364 52,515 56,535 56,952 60,233 63,324 65,857 64,758 64,758 64,856 63,700 | 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1896 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1907 1908 1909 1900 1911 | 55,837 61,379 60,499 67,607 69,180 67,699 68,564 66,510 60,403 57,699 68,450 64,912 62,568 61,709 64,821 69,523 71,452 78,767 72,126 77,121 73,698 66,749 | 62,692 67,458 65,660 73,012 73,732 71,270 71,390 68,801 61,978 58,961 70,290 66,689 64,495 64,821 68,181 73,032 74,732 81,788 74,539 80,107 77,090 70,023 |

TABLE IV.

Borrowers' Occupations

| Accountants | | | 7 | Brought forward1060 | 9 |
|---------------------------|--------|---|-----|----------------------------|---|
| Agents | | | 16 | Ladies of no occupation 63 | 3 |
| Apprentices | | | 50 | Miners 10 | 5 |
| Artisans | | | 45 | Merchants 12 | 4 |
| Builders and Brick | layers | | ΙI | Painters, &c 23 | 3 |
| Carpenters, &c. | | | 36 | Printers 12 | 2 |
| Clergymen | | | 9 | Professional Men 60 | 9 |
| Clerks | | | 163 | Publicans | 3 |
| Dressmakers | | | 33 | Railway Servants 26 | 5 |
| Domestics and Hou | | S | 561 | Scholars and Students 330 | 9 |
| Engineers, &c. | | | 37 | Shopkeepers and Managers 7 | 7 |
| Errand Boys, | | | 17 | Shop Assistants 106 | 5 |
| Farmers | | | 10 | Tailors 16 | 5 |
| Fitters and Turner | s | | 21 | Teachers, &c 150 | 5 |
| Gardeners | | | 6 | Travellers 16 | 5 |
| Gentlemen | | | 5 | Miscellaneous 40 | 5 |
| Labourers | | | 42 | No Occupation stated 9 | 5 |
| | | | | | - |
| | | - | | Total 2128 | 3 |
| Carried forv | vard | І | 069 | | - |

Students' or Duplicate Tickets have been issued to 370 Borrowers.

TABLE V. Ages of Borrowers.

| Under 20 years o | fage | | | | 585 |
|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Between 20 and | 30 yea | rs of | age | | 459 |
| Between 30 and | | | | • • • | 392 |
| Between 40 and | 50 yea | rs of | age | | 317 |
| Over 50 years of | | | | | 311 |
| No age stated | | | • • • | • • • | 64 |
| | | | | | |
| | To | otal | • • • | | 2128 |
| | | | | | |

TABLE VI.

Number of Borrowers Resident in each Ward.

| Central | | | | ••• | • • • | 330 |
|------------|--------|----------|---------|-------|-------|------|
| East | | | | • • • | | 590 |
| North | | | | | | 206 |
| St. George | e's | ••• | | | | 216 |
| South | | | | | | 394 |
| West | | | | | | 189 |
| Non-Resid | dent S | Subscrib | ers | | | 203 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Т | otal | | | 2128 |
| | | - | O C CCC | | | |

TABLE VII.

Summary of Work done during 1912 compared with 1911.

TABLE VIII.

LIST OF DONORS AND DONATIONS.

| Donor. | | | Donation. |
|--|-----------|-----|---|
| Andrews, Messrs | | | Durham University Calendar, 1912. |
| Australia, Western, Agent for Government of | Gener | RAL | Official Handbook of; King's Caravan, Brady; River Rovers, Brady. |
| BETTIS, REV. G. R | | | Life of Wm. Lloyd Garrison. |
| Browne, T. B., Esq | | | Advertiser's A.B.C. Directory, 1912. |
| Cassidy, J., Esq | | | Black Humphrey. |
| Cook, Messrs | | | Guide and Handbook to Natal. |
| Co-operative Union | | | 44th Report of Annual Congress, 1912. |
| Hallows, Dr. H. P | | | Neolithic Dewponds and Cattleways. |
| INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF M | USICIA | NS. | Register of Members. |
| LAYTON, MESSRS. C. & E. | | | Insurance Register, 1912. Handy Newspaper List. |
| LEEDS UNIVERSITY | | | Calendar, 1912-13. |
| LEIGH BROWNE, ENDOWMENT | | | Seventh Son. |
| Marshall, Messrs. P. & Co. | | | Insurance Blue Book, 1912. |
| NATIONAL UNION OF TEACHER | RS. | | Annual Report, 1912. |
| NICHOLSON, SIR C. N., M.P. | | | Heretics, Chesterton. Judgments in Vacation, Parry. Justice and Liberty. Problems of Unemployment. Parliamentary Debates. Poor Law Conferences, 11 Vols. Statesman's Year-Book, 1911. What's Wrong with the World. |
| Nickson, J., Esq | | ••• | Bokhara, Wolfe. Son of Porthos, Dumas. |
| Paton, Messrs. J. & J | | | List of Schools, 1912. |
| Schooling, J. H., Esq | | | British Trade Year-Book, 1911. |
| SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY | | | Calendar of 1912-13. |
| STAMP, A. H., Esq | | | Sea Fishing, Minchin. |
| STUBBS, MESSRS | | | Directory, 1912. |
| THOMPSON. W. R., Esq | | | Handbook of Patent Law. |
| Trades Directories, Ltd. | | | North Eastern Counties Directory, 1912. |
| University Tutorial Press | | | London University Guide, 1913. |
| Libraries, Reports of | | | Ashton - under - Lyne, Barnsley, Batley, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bradford, Brighton, Cambridge, Chicago (U.S.A.), Cleveland (U.S.A.), Cripplegate Foundation (London), Dewsbury, Dundee, Eccles, Gt. Yarmouth, Hammersmith, Huddersfield, Hove, Hyde, Ipswich, Leeds, Lincoln, Loughborough, Newark-on-Trent, New York, Norwich, Paisley, Portsmouth, Richmond (Surrey), Stafford, Walthamstow, Westminster, Wandsworth, Wigan. |

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED.

NEWSROOM AND MAGAZINE ROOM.

Daily.

Times Daily Chronicle

- Graphic
- Citizen
- News and Leader

Telegraph Standard

Leeds Mercury

Evening News Yorkshire Post

Evening Post Manchester Guardian Eastern Morning News Sheffield Telegraph

Independent Evening Star Liverpool Daily Post Westminster Gazette

Weekly.

*Accountant Army and Navy Gazette Athenæum Amateur Photographer Bookseller *Bournemouth Visitor Boy's Own Paper British Weekly Building News *Catholic News Chris ian World Clarion Colliery Guardian Doncaster Chronicle Doncaster Gazette

Hibbert Journal

Daily.

Daily Graphic *Daily Telegraph Morning Post Sheffield Independent Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY-Continued.

Electrician Engineer Engineering Englsh Mechanic *Estate Gazette

Exchange & Mart (tri-Weekly)

Gardeners' Chronicle

Graphic Illustrated London News *Journal of the Society of Arts

Labour News *Local Government Chronicle

*Metropolitan Mexbro' Times

*Motor Traction Nation

Nature *Official Journal (Patents)
*Phonetic Journal

Punch

Railway Review *Rotherham Advertiser Saturday Review Sheffield Weekly News

Sketch Spectator Sphere

Stamford Mercury Truth

*University Correspondent *Worcester Herald

Monthly.

Animal World Atlantic Monthly Bookman British Workman Century Magazine Chamber's Journal Contemporary Review Cornhill Magazine *Educational Times *Delive:er

English Illustrated Magazine Fortnightly Review
*Foresters Miscellany Harper's Magazine Knowledge Munsey's Magazine *Musical Herald

Musical Times Nineteenth Century Pall Mall Magazine Pearson's Magazine

Railway Guides — Bradshaw, Great Northern, A.B.C., &c. Railway Magazine Scribner's Magazine Studio Strand Magazine

Westminster Review Wide World Magazine Windsor Magazine World's Work *Zoophilist

Quarterly.

London Quarterley Review

Town Planning Review

LADIES' ROOM-

Wcekly.

Gazette Gentlewoman Good Words Graphic Illustrated London News Ladies' Pictorial Ladies' Field Punch Queen

Doncaster Chronicle

Sphe:e Week and Weekly News

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